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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENTCommissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants are submitting herewith a Preliminary Amendment. The Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the amendments prior to considering the application.

THE AMENDMENTIn the Specification:

Page 1, line 2, before "The present invention" insert --This application is a National Stage of International Application PCT/DE99/03692, filed November 17, 1999; which claims the priority of DE 198 53 242.3 filed November 18, 1998--.

In the Claims

3. (Amended) The method according to claim [1 or] 2, wherein the functional group is an amine, hydroxyl, phosphate, ~~carboxyl~~, carbonyl, thiol or amide group.
4. (Amended) The method according to [any one of claims 1 to 3] claim 2, wherein the activating reagent is acryloylchloride, 4-nitrophenylchloroformate, carbonyl diimidazole, phenyl chloroformate, phosgene, disphosgene, triphosgene, EDC(N-(3-dimethylaminopropyl)-N'-ethyl-carbodiimide hydro-